

REMARKS

Claims 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28 and 33-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 20 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 32 and to delete some of the subject matter added in the October 8, 2010 Amendment. Claim 32 is cancelled to avoid redundancy. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 32 contains allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 20, 21, 23-25, 27, 28 and 33-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,749,970 to Fukuta et al. ("Fukuta") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,728,539 to Gane. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

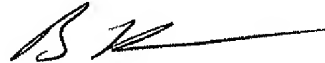
Claim 20 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 32. Therefore, claim 20 is patentable over the applied references. In addition, dependent claims 21, 23-25, 27, 28 and 33-40 depend from independent claim 20. Therefore, those dependent claims are patentable over the references at least for their dependence from claim 20, as well as for the additional features those dependent claims recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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